

## Message Text

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TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE  
SUBJECT: GDR DENIAL OF KOHL VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

REFS: (A) USBER 118 (B) BERLIN 341

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JANUARY 17 CONTAINS  
A BRIEF ITEM NOTING THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
HAS REJECTED THE FRG'S PROTEST CONCERNING THE DENIAL  
OF HELMUT KOHL'S ATTEMPT TO ENTER EAST BERLIN  
JANUARY 14 (REF A). TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS  
BEEN NO GDR MEDIA TREATMENT BEYOND THIS BRIEF  
FACTUAL REPORT CONCERNING THE KOHL INCIDENT.

2. WHILE WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE ON THE  
GDR'S MOTIVES IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT SEEMS  
POSSIBLE THAT KOHL'S HIGHLY PUBLICIZED STATEMENTS  
IN THE FRG CONCERNING THE "MANIFESTO" AND ITS  
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AFTERMATH MAY SIMPLY HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR THE  
REGIME TO SWALLOW. WE BELIEVE THAT IT REMAINS THE  
GDR'S INTENTION TO AVOID ESCALATING "MANIFESTO"  
DISPUTE BETWEEN BONN AND EAST BERLIN. REINFORCING  
THIS VIEW IS THE FACT THAT THE EAST GERMAN MEDIA  
ARE DOWNPLAYING THE KOHL INCIDENT AS THEY ARE FOR THE  
PRESENT ALSO DOWNPLAYING THE ENTIRE "MANIFESTO"

ISSUE. (REFTEL B). BOLEN

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